

ELERAI CAMP

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LOCATION

Elerai Camp is situated in its own private wildlife conservancy between Mt. Kilimanjaro and the south eastern sector of the famous Amboseli National Park. Game drives can be taken in both the Elerai Conservation Area or Amboseli National Park; these offer breathtaking views of Kenya, with the majestic snowcapped Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, providing the ideal backdrop for the ultimate safari experience. Within this critical network of protected and unprotected landscapes, Elerai Conservancy broadens the dedicated conservation area. This is the key to keeping wildlife habitats from fragmenting, whilst maintaining important wildlife corridors.

ACCESS

The camp can be reached by taking a scheduled flight from Nairobi (operated by Safarilink & Air Kenya) or Mombasa (operated by Mombasa Air Safaris) arriving into the main Amboseli NP airstrip. The airstrip is a 90 minute drive from camp. For charter flights the camp has its own airstrip which is 15 minutes away. From Nairobi the road journey to camp via Emali takes approximately 4hrs (the last 5km / 20 min. is on an all-weather bumpy bushroad). Elerai is also accessible on the Nairobi Mombasa Madaraka express train. Pick up and drop off at Emali SGR station by camp vehicles can be arranged (charges apply).

STYLE

Elerai Camp ensures all its guests the opportunity to not only experience the perfect safari but also receive a level of comfort and luxury that is hard to find elsewhere in Africa. With unsurpassed views in every direction and a unique camp designed and built from local materials: where else can you wake up to the soft dawn light illuminating Africa's rooftop, the majestic Mt. Kilimanjaro?

ACCOMMODATION

Elerai Camp has five Cottage Rooms and twelve mountain facing Deluxe Tents, both designed to ensure that your stay will be in complete luxury. Each Deluxe Tent has its own ensuite bathroom with spacious shower and a toilet with mountain view!. Raised cedar wood floors, acacia poles and makuti (thatch) roofing complement the surrounding environment. Large balconies with relaxing day beds offer the perfect place to relax & watch the moods of the mountain. The elegantly furnished Cottage Rooms have large sliding doors that open out onto your own verandah overlooking the plains below and Amboseli National Park. Elephant, giraffe, zebra, eland and waterbuck are seen most days from the comfort of your room. Designed using natural rock and acacia wood, the bathrooms have their own naturally crafted bathtub and shower which is unique to Elerai. The facilities are supplied with hot running water provided by eco-friendly solar units.

GUEST AREAS

Our safari chefs provide a wide selection of cuisines to satisfy every taste and diet. The dining room looks out to Mt. Kilimanjaro to the south and down across the resident waterhole to the northwest, where guests can enjoy their meals while watching wildlife bathe and drink. The camp waterhole is visited by elephant, giraffe, zebra, lesser kudu, eland, cheetah and occasionally lion as well as a host of other species. For those wishing not to exercise, simply relax in/by the camp's infinity pool looking out at the waterhole and Kilimanjaro.

ACTIVITIES

Elerai Camp is fortunate enough to be located in one of the most diverse environments in Kenya. To explore the Conservancy to its full potential we encourage guests to experience as many activities as possible. Our trained & experienced Kenya Professional Safari Guides (KPSGA) are on hand to help you experience the wildlife and culture of Elerai.

Game Drives: Elerai Camp offers game drives in the famous Amboseli National Park (drive time to park is approximately 50 minutes) with the option of spending a full day, with a packed lunch provided or a half-day, returning to the lodge for lunch and relaxation or another activity of your choice. We also offer game drives in our private Elerai Conservancy off the beaten track away from other tourist vehicles. Elerai Conservancy being part of the very important animal corridor between Amboseli National Park and Mt. Kilimanjaro has a wide selection of large & small animals.

Night Drives: The option of a night game drive is also available to our guests. Night game drives offer a whole different atmosphere and feel to the bush; guests are welcome to hold a spotlight for the chance to spot the nocturnal animals. During night drives one has the chance of seeing some rare species such as the civet, serval, genet & wild cats, bushbabies, porcupines, aardwolf and the very elusive leopard.

Game Walks: For those who would like the opportunity to experience the bush away from the confinements of a safari vehicle and without the noise of the engine, our guided bush walks are an enlightening experience of seeing the African savannah from a different view point. Accompanied by one of our knowledgeable guides and two armed Maasai guards, guests learn about the smaller but no less interesting species of flora and fauna that make up our diverse eco-system. Guests can see tracks and signs of where animals have been, giving them an idea as to how Maasai and other tribes track the animals in the wild.

Mountain biking: Elerai hosts the annual "Kilimanjaro 7-3 Mountain Bike Challenge". The Conservancy has some lovely bike trails ranging from beginner (5-10kms flat terrain) to experienced/technical (60kms+ with 1000m of climb). All rides are escorted by Maasai guides and Game scouts to ensure the safety of the riders. The camp currently has Specialized Mountain bikes available for hire.

Facts at a glance

Number of rooms:	5 individual cottage rooms & 12 deluxe tents
Fullboard (Non package):	3 Meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
All inclusive:	3 Meals plus beers, house wines, water and soft drinks. All game drives and transport to/from Cultural Boma
Children:	Allowed, 2 Family tents sleep upto 4 max
Air-conditioning:	No
Mosquito proof tents:	Yes
Flush Toilet:	Yes
Bath tub:	In 5 individual Cottage rooms
Showers:	Yes, in both tents and rooms, using solar hot showers
Power:	Solar/Battery Hybrid unit provides Power throughout, supported by two back up generators when required.
Swimming Pool:	Yes
Internet access:	Yes in Lounge area only
Hairdryer:	On Request at Reception
Suitable for disabled guests:	Yes with limitations contact Sales at time of booking for details
Private 4 X 4 vehicle:	At extra cost, subject to availability
Credit Card:	Visa/Mastercard



Birding: Over 200 species of birds have been spotted around Elerai Camp. With the pool, waterhole and ponds around the lodge guests can relax and watch Weavers build their nests, many different species of bird come and go.

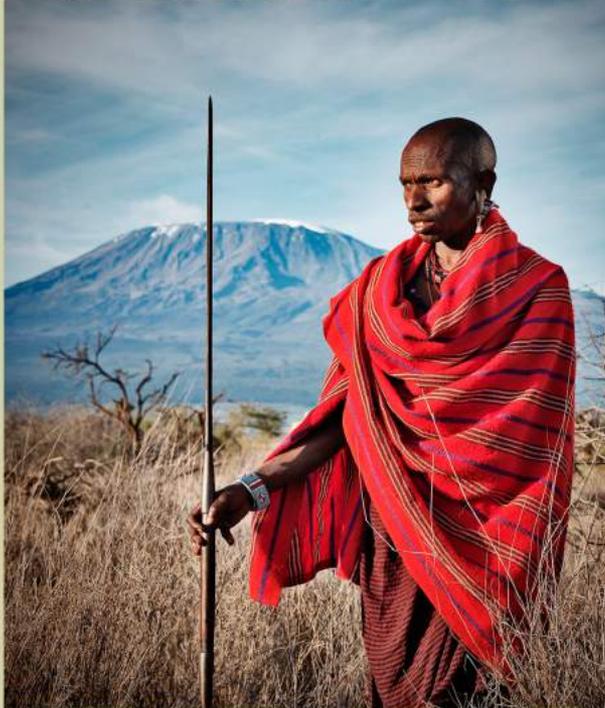
Sundowners: With so many activities to experience, sometimes it's preferable to just sit & relax around a fireplace, sipping a delicious 'Dawa' cocktail or a glass of sparkling wine and listening to the noises as the African dusk beckons. On our sundowner trips, guests are taken to a quiet location in the middle of the African bush to watch the sun set over the plains and hills beyond.

Conservation Community & Culture: Elerai Camp can escort guests on a privileged visit to see the Elerai Cultural village. The local community will perform traditional dances, show guests how to make fire the Maasai way, teach you how to use local trees and plants for medicine and about their way of life. The Elerai Cultural Village is a real traditional Maasai village inhabited by Elerai Community Members. They only allow Elerai Camp guests to visit on invitation basis and so the experience offered is very much non-commercial and authentic. Elerai Camp takes its commitment to the environment seriously. By using renewable energy methods like solar as well as energy saving light sources we aim to keep our carbon footprint as small as possible. We also understand that the Amboseli Territory belongs to the legendary Maasai tribe of nomadic warriors. Elerai is part of the African Wildlife Foundation's Kilimanjaro Heartland, a vast transboundary landscape critical to the long-term protection of Africa's wildlife, putting wildlife and land conservation to work for the people. The local community not only has an ownership stake in the lodge, but also had a hand in building it. With a single stay, you are channeling resources to wildlife conservation and contributing to the economic wellbeing of the people living in the wider Elerai area. Guests are helping to secure a legacy of conservation for a community, a continent, and a conservation-minded world. We have been greatly encouraged by our guests' interest and willingness to assist with these projects. In the interest of the Elerai Community we've established the Elerai Community and Wildlife Trust, a foundation through which people can make donations to assist the local communities and wildlife directly. The community members themselves are trustees and all funds received are utilized solely for the benefit of community and wildlife in the area.

RECOMMENDED DURATION OF STAY

min. 2-3 nights
(allowing 1 day Amboseli NP and 1 day to enjoy conservancy activities)

SEASONS: The rains usually occur between April and June and in November. Although in many parks this makes them less attractive, Amboseli NP seems to flourish during these months with the swamps filling up and huge herds of wildebeest and zebra migrating from surrounding areas. Amboseli can be hot and very dusty during the dry season (August to October and January to March). Elerai Camp is located in the foothills of Kilimanjaro at an altitude of 1460 metres where temperature is often cooler, especially at night when warmer clothes are required.



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